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1. PRCLO INFORMED COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION (CSC) TODAY THAT PRC HAS RECONSIDERED ITS DECISION TO POSTPONE UNTIL NEXT YEAR ALL THREE AMERICAN DELEGATIONS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TO VISIT PRC IN 1973, AND HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT TWO OF THESE "BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR IN PRINCIPLE." THE TWO TO BE ACCEPTED ARE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT GROUPS. CHINESE HAVE ASKED FOR NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THESE TWO GROUPS, AND DATES, TO BE FURNISHED ASAP.
2. CSC VERY PLEASED AT THIS DEVELOPMENT BUT MUST FIND OUT WHETHER PROPOSED MEMBERS OF TWO DELEGATIONS ARE NOW FREE TO TRAVEL TO PRC. CSC IS SETTING TARGET DATE OF DECEMBER 1973, AND HAS TOLD US CONFIDENTIALLY THAT IF CERTAIN KEY MEMBERS OF GROUPS CANNOT MAKE TRIP IT WILL NOT TRY FOR ACCELERATED DATE.
3. NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON POSTPONED PLANT STUDY GROUP, WHICH PRESUMABLY IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1974.

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4. PRCLO ALSO HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON CSC REQUEST

THAT PRC LINGUIST GROUP ADHERE TO ORIGINAL SCHEDULE AND
VISIT US IN EARLY OCTOBER RATHER THAN IN NOVEMBER IN LINE
WITH MOST RECENT POSTPONEMENT. RUSH

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